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Corps of Engineers Ready to Receive Comments on UC Merced

As part of the permit review process for the proposed construction of the UC Merced campus, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is now soliciting public comments. The public notice describing this project is on the Corps' website at: http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/cespk-co/regulatory. Copies of the notice are also available at the Sacramento and Merced public libraries.

Members of the public can comment on the project in three ways: they can respond in writing to the Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: Regulatory Branch, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814; or they can orally comment at one of two public workshops being held for the project. The first workshop will be at the Merced Civic Center in the Sam Pipes Room, 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, on California on April 18, 2002, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The second workshop will be at the same location and date as the first, with times of 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Attendance is open to everyone. The third way to respond is to send an e-mail to: ucmerced@spk.usace.army.mil (subject line: UC Merced Comments).

"This is an excellent time for members of the public to weigh in on this project," said Nancy Haley, Project Manager with the Corps of Engineers' Regulatory Branch for the UC Merced permit process. "We've tried to make the comment procedure as easy as possible," added Haley.

Federal law requires the Corps of Engineers to govern the permit-issuing process for all construction that could have any impact on waters of the United States. Soliciting public comments is part of the permit process. The Corps of Engineers has requested a deadline of April 12, 2002 for the receipt of all written comments.